

Half-time system in schools.

494. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken**—Will the Government be pleased to state the reason that led to the enforcement of the half-time system in schools by the Education Department;

2. will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of schools in which the half-time system is enforced at present;

3. has the Government ever considered how the question of unemployment and the half-time system will agree with regard to the appointments in the Education Department;

4. has the Department or the Government received any complaints against the half-time system; if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to give a detailed description of the nature of complaints that were brought against it;

5. what answer was given by the Government to the managers who complained on account of the half-time system;

6. has the Government ever considered the difficulties that may be caused to the pupils and teachers by the introduction of the half-time system;

7. (a) has the Government made any consultation about the new system with the Governments of neighbouring states;

(b) is it not a fact that this new system was abandoned in Travancore after a mature experiment for the last two years?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I. The chief objects are:—

(a) to save expenditure on establishment;

(b) to relieve congestion in schools where there is a lack of accommodation;

(c) to lessen the strain of schooling to little children and to afford scope for out-door games and relaxation.

2. Vide list appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

3. The primary aim of the Department is not so much to provide employment as to provide instruction.

4. Yes. The following are the main reasons adduced against the system:—

(1) that sometimes young children have to accompany their elders in higher classes which work full time;

(2) that portions cannot be finished within the time;

(3) that candidates are thereby deprived of opportunities for employment;

(4) that teachers have to do more work;

(5) that ignorant guardians are led to think that their children are not getting sufficient instruction at school.

5. Final orders have not been passed.

6. Yes.

- 7. (a) No; they do not consider it necessary.
- (b) Government have no information.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In the list I find only the *aided* schools working under the half-time system.

Mr. C. Matthai.—There are several Sirkar schools also.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—The majority of them are aided schools. May I know whether there are not a number of Sirkar schools working under the half-time system, and whether at the same time they have only a very small strength?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The half-time system is not introduced for want of strength.

President.—There is no necessary connection between the two, viz., the strength and the half-time system. If you had borne that in mind, this question could not have arisen.

The transfer of Medical Officers.

495. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state, in reference to the answer to question No. 51 of the legislative session of 1902, what were the considerations that induced the Government to consider that it would be a wholesome rule if medical officers below the rank of a Civil Surgeon are not ordinarily allowed to remain in a place for more than 3 years at a time;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether before the passing of the D. P. Dis. No. 248/R/99, dated 28th March 1924, (L. M. D.) the Government have considered the advantages and disadvantages of the periodical transfer of medical officers from the standpoint of (i) the Government, (ii) the medical officers, (iii) the ailing public; if so, what are those advantages and disadvantages;

(b) what are the advantages and disadvantages of such periodical transfers brought to the Diwan's notice by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer or taken into consideration by Diwan before the passing of the Proceedings referred to in (a);

(c) the reason which induced the Government to exclude Civil Surgeons from the operation of the rule mentioned in question (1)?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) The considerations were principally that the advantages and disadvantages of each station in the matter of healthiness, private practice, cost of living, educational facilities and other amenities of life may be shared by all members alike.

(2) (a) and (b). No definite answer can be given to a question of this nature.

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 494.)

List of schools working under the half-time system.

No.	Name of school	Remarks
1	L. M. C. Boys' school, Chatiatt	
2	St. George's school, Perumanur	
3	Chenganad Sacred Heart's school	
4	St. Antony's school, Panangad	
5	St. Mary's school, Kumbhalam	
6	Vattattiparamba school	
7	St. Peter's school, Malippuram	
8	St. Lawrence school, Edacochi	
9	V. V. Sabha school, Cherai	
10	V. P. Y. school, Illikkal	
11	St. Thomas' school, Vettikkal	
12	Santa Cruz school, Kattikkad	
13	Hydayathul Islam school, Edavanakkad	
14	St. Joseph's school, Kadavantara	
15	St. Mary's school, Southern Chittur	
16	Salvation Army school, Perumanur	
17	S. V. school, Nettur	
18	St. Peter's school, Vadatala	
19	S. D. K. Sabha school, Erur	
20	Church school, Kottappuram	
21	Co-operative school, Cranganur	
22	St. John's school, Elamkulam	
23	Aided school, Talakkod	
24	Pattarya Samajam school, Perumpilli	
25	S. V. school, Tekkumbhagam	
26	Little Flowers school, Tekketuratti	
27	Holy Cross school, Katalvaturuttu	
28	Union school, Nedungad	
29	Little Flower's school, Kalur	
30	Saktan Tampuran Memorial school, Putiyedam	
31	Z. M. school, Kolazhi	
32	Z. M. school, Kurkkancheri	
33	Aided school, Muttichur	
34	D. M. school, Panamkulam	
35	S. H. M. Girls' school, Kandassankadavu	
36	R. C. Church school, Mangad	
37	Salvation Army school, Chelakkara	
38	Aided school, Kurumala	
39	G. P. V. S. school, Kadungamangalam	
40	Aided school, Kottanellur	
41	St. Augustin's school	
42	Hierarchy Memorial school, Koratti	
43	St. Joseph's Convent Girls' school, Karuvannur	
44	St. Mary's Girls' school, Kuzhikkattusseri	
45	St. Mary's Malayalam Girls' school, Mattam	
46	Aided school, Tumpoor	
47	Vani Vilasam school, Edakkulam	
48	B. M. P. Vidyalayam, Kanjirakkod	
49	Aided school, Attore	
50	Vellanikkara Aided school	
51	Kara Yogam school, Perumanam	

APPENDIX II:—cont.

No.	Name of school	Remarks
52	Lessiuse school, Kuttanallur	
53	Malayalam school, Chennam	
54	S. N. S. Samajam school, Kuzhuppillikkara	
55	V. P. school, Amballur	
56	K. M. M. school, Chowannur	
57	K. V. school, Paralikkad	
58	B. V. school, Vittanasseri	
59	Holy Family school, Avittattur	
60	Aided school, Chazur	
61	St. George's M. S., Pariyaram	
62	Rahamathul Islam school, Edatirinji	
63	S. K. V. school, Edakkolattur	
64	Aided school, Cherur	
65	Church school, Manalur	
66	St. Xavier's school, Karanchira	
67	Church school, Velur	
68	Paliyam school, Trikkur	
69	Tonurkara Aided school	
70	S. N. G. school, Karamuck	
71	Pynkulam Aided school	
72	St. Berchman's school, Alur	
73	St. Antony's school, Mala-Pallippuram	
74	A. I. M. school, Poyya	
75	St. Thomas' school, Tirur	
76	St. Thomas' school, Parannur	
77	Excelsior school, Kandanasseri	
78	St. Mary's school, Mancheri	
79	St. Mary's school, Edakkulam	
80	St. Antony's school, Kodannur	
81	Malayalam school, Kanjiramittam	
82	Malayalam Girls' school, Kumblang	
83	Malayalam Girls' school, Chowwara	
84	Malayalam school, Meladur	
85	Malayalam school, Alattur	
86	Malayalam Girls' school, Nandikara	